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SUBJ: TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO SRI LANKA

FOR SHAPIRO

REF: COLOMBO 1214; COLOMBO 1219; NEW DELHI 5203

1. FOLLOWING ARE MOST OF MISSING POINTS RE SCHEDULE FOR  
SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO SRI LANKA:

A. BERNARD SOYSA, M.O.P., WHO WILL BE ACTING MINISTER OF  
FINANCE DURING SECRETARY'S STAY HERE, WILL MEET HIM AT AIRPORT  
AND WILL CHAIR GENERAL MEETING OF SENIOR GSL AND USG OFFICIALS  
AT 11:45 A.M. MONDAY APRIL 21.

B.C.A. COOREY, SECRETARY, MINISTER OF FINANCE, WILL  
BRING TO GENERAL MEETING L.O. DE SILVA AND N.S.L. PERERA, BOTH  
OF WHOM ARE SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

C. DR. J.B. KELEGAMA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND  
INTERNAL TRADE, WILL BE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT MINISTRY.

D. ALL OTHER CEYLONese PARTICIPANTS IN GENERAL MEETING  
EXCEPT LAKSHAMAN JAYAKODY, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS ARE CONFIRMED. JAYAKODY ATTENDANCE STILL NOT KNOWN.

E. CEYLONese GUEST FOR GSL OFFICIAL LUNCH LISTED COLOMBO 1214 ARE  
CONFIRMED.

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F. AMERICAN GUESTS AT GSL OFFICIAL LUNCH ARE SECRETARY AND

MRS.SIMON,UNDER SECRETARY AND MRS BENNETT,DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY BUSHNELL, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. VAN HOLLEN, AND DCM BYRNE. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW DESIRE OF SIMON DAGHTERS AND BENNETT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL LUNCH,WE SOUGHT TO HAVE MORELL, GARTLAND, AND GERGEN INVITED, BUT GSL WAS CONCEREMED RE PRECEDENT AND THEREFORE CONSIDERED IT WISER FROM ITS STANDPOINT TO STICK TO ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF GIVING LUNCH ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STATE GUESTS.

2. RE SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT GENERAL MEETING (COLOMBO 1219, ONLY MODIFICATION IN MUTAULLY AGREED RUBRICS FOR U.S. SIDE IS FOLLOWING:  
FINANCE MINISTER DR.N.M. PEREA REQUESTS THAT SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM NOT BE TAKEN UP IN SRI LANKA AT ALL. RATHER, HE WISHES TO DISCUSS THAT QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY SIMON IN MANILA.

3. ECONOMIC SECTION CHIEF HAWLEY INVITES MORELL, GARTLAND, GERGEN, MACKOUR, SHAPIRO, FRIEDMAN, VAN COVERDEN, JOHNSON, TWO SIMON DAUGHTERS, AND BENNETT SON TO INFORMAL LUNCH WITH CEYLONESE GUESTS (IF AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE) ON MONDAY, APRIL 21.,  
PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST WHO WOULD WISH TO COME.  
VAN HOLLEN

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